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PRESIDENT THOMAS

TO PRESENT

THE PRAIRIE VIEW STORY

ON PARENT'S DAY

"We are anticipating your visit as one of the great events of this year. I will be happy to welcome every one of you and to show you what we have done to create a more pleasant residential college."

Alvin I. Thomas,
President

--Story on back cover

PVC PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

PROFESSORS Y. S. CHUANG, L.B. MORGAN and D. S. MUSIL; Electrical Engineering students Alvin Hopkins, Raydell Iglehart; and Mechanical Engineering students Spatsie McCalister, Ernest Owens and Ali Zanjani visited recently Le Tourneau College, in Longview, Texas to see an electric car under construction there. The car is based on a Volkswagen and has 10-12 volt batteries, an eight horsepower D. C. series wound electric motor, and regenerative braking.

The group observed many interesting innovations, such as the electrical control system which is very similar to that used on the NASA Moon Rover. The group also saw several items which they have decided to design differently in the PVC Electric Car.

MESSRS. HENRY L. CYRUS and K. THIAGARAJAN, both professors in the department of Geography and Economics at PVC, recently attended the Annual Southwest Social Science meeting in San Antonio.

MR. RUFUS DABNEY, head, department of Sociology, accompanied a group of 32 students to a conference held at Baylor University, in Waco, April 18. The theme for the one-day conference was: "Racism and Classism in the American Society."

MESSRS. S. R. DARUVALLA, C.T. LUKE, and L. B. MORGAN, professors of electrical engineering, civil

engineering, and mechanical engineering respectively, served as judges in the Junior, Physical Science and Senior Earth and Space Science categories at the Houston Science Fair.

The fair, which was held April 6 and 7 in the Albert Thomas convention center, was for high school and junior high school students. Some sons and daughters of PVC faculty participated as contestants.

DR. GWENDOLYN GROSSMAN and MRS. CLARISSA BOOKER, professor and assistant professor of Education, respectively, will attend the Seventeenth Annual Convention of the International Reading Association, May 8-14, in Detroit Michigan. Dr. Grossman and Mrs. Booker will participate in institutes concerned with multi-ethnic children's reading problems.

HOUSTON CLINICAL CENTER VISITED

The Houston Clinical center of PVC's School of Nursing was visited Wednesday, April 26 by Mrs. Jane Torrence, nurse consultant, Division of Nursing, Projects and Grants Division, and Mrs. Estelle Hunt, Regional Consultant, Washington, D.C. "The purpose of the visit," said Dr. Jewellean Mangaroo, dean of the School of Nursing, "was to review the community Health Research proposal submitted by Mrs. Ether Kellins, instructor in community Health Nursing at the Houston Center."

The visitors will make recommendations prior to presenting the proposal to HEW for approval.

PARENTS Members of the faculty and
DAY the administration will be
PROGRAM on hand, Sunday, April 30,
to welcome hundreds of
visitors who will gather on the cam-
pus to participate in the Parent's
Day activities.

Mrs. Delia M. Hunt, director of
the Prairie View Parents and Guardian
Association and chairman of the
Steering Committee, announces a whole-
day program which begins at 8:45 am
in the field house with registration
and coffee.

At 11:00 am, there will be a
special worship service to be con-
ducted by the Rev. W. Van Johnson,
dean of Chapel. At 12:15, the parents,
who will have the opportunity to
visit with their children's teacher
in the field house rotunda earlier,
will eat dinner with their sons
and daughters in Hilliard Hall.

A general assembly is scheduled
at 2:00 pm in the field house. At
this time, President Thomas will
make a color-slide presentation of
"The Prairie View Story" which he
will narrate himself. A group of
students will also discuss "Student
Leadership Helping Make The College
Grow." The PVC Stage Band will pro-
vide musical interludes.

The parents will then tour the
campus-- in buses and individual
cars-- and visit the new residence
halls for men and women, the Learning
Resource Center, the Harrington
Science Hall, the Memorial Student
Center and some other key buildings.

At 4:00 pm, there will be a re-
ception for all the participants in
the President's campus house.

PRAIRIE VIEW PVC's Department of
URBAN Geography and Economics
SYMPOSIUM in cooperation with
the Prairie View City
Local Government Association Program
will sponsor an urban symposium en-
titled: "The City of Prairie View in
an Emergence Stage."

The two-day symposium, April 28
and 29, to be held in the Memorial
Student Center Ballroom, will begin
at 8:30 am today and will feature
Dr. A. I. Thomas, president of the
college, Mr. Eristus Sams, mayor
of Prairie View and Mr. Worth M.
Blake, from the Industrial Economics
Research Division of Texas A&M
University.

Several other personalities and
members of the Prairie View teaching
staff are scheduled to participate in
the discussions. Among the visitors,
there will be: Dr. Richard E. Thomas,
director, Center for Urban Program,
Texas A&M; Mr. Charles Trost, director
of Planning, Galveston-Houston Re-
gional Council; Dr. Donald Deskins,
professor of Geography, University of
Michigan, Ann Arbor; Mr. W. W. Hurt,
director of Community Services,
Coordinating Board, Texas College
and University System, Austin; Dr.
Donald Gross, from the district
division of Small Business Adminis-
tration, Houston; Mr. Leo Bounds, Jr.
director, Community Services, Texas
Department of Community Affairs,
Austin; Dr. Harold Rose, professor
of Geography and chairman, Depart-
ment of Urban Affairs, University
of Wisconsin, Milwaukee Branch.

SUNDAY, APRIL 30, 1972 IS PARENT'S DAY. President Thomas will lead the faculty, staff and student body in welcoming all of those who have made it possible for their sons and daughters to attend Prairie View.

In a letter to the parents, the president wrote:

"I would like to personally invite you to the Annual Parent's Day, on April 30, 1972. It is your day, the day we hope that all of you will come to visit your son's and daughter's place of learning.

"For some of you, it will be a homecoming; for some others a revisitation. But for all of you, it will be a renewed expression of confidence in the institution you have entrusted to educate your children.

"Encouraged by your support, we have undertaken some recent academic changes and physical plant improvements. The performance-based approach to education, the Learning Resource Center, the Junior Fellows counselling program, a new student residence hall for women, a new student residence hall for men, and the new dining hall are a part of a comprehensive effort to make Prairie View A&M College the most suited place of living and learning for your children.

"We are anticipating your visit as one of the great events of this year. I will be happy to welcome every one of you and to show you what we have done to create a more pleasant residential college."

President Thomas will keep his promise, Sunday at 2:00 pm, in the field house, when he will make a color slide presentation of "The Prairie View Story," which he will narrate himself.

Appointed the third PVC president, on November 22, 1966, Dr. Alvin I. Thomas introduced shortly after the concept of the residential college. "The basic philosophy of Prairie View A&M College," he said, "revolves around the concept of a residential college in which the personal, social and academic development of the student ranks first in importance." Later, he stated: "Prairie View can give the students experience aimed at maximum personal, social and intellectual growth."

Sunday, the parents who will visit the new residence halls, will learn that the new buildings have been designed for their children not only as sleeping quarters, but as learning units and centers of social activities.